



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 130 deaths will occur in Rhode Island in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020, and possibly as early 2015; and

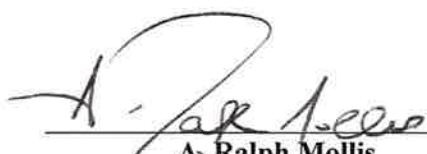
WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Rhode Island and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Rhode Island support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and


WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Rhode Island are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim November, 2012 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 31st day of October, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor